



BRF-1698 - National adaptation plan – finalising structure and tone

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	Action sought:	Response by:
To Hon. James Shaw, Minister of Climate Change	Provide feedback on proposed approach	7 June 2022

Actions for Minister's Office Staff	Forward this report to Return the signed report to MfE.
Number of appendices and attachments # 3	Appendix 1: Updated strategy map Appendix 2: Updated structure of NAP Appendix 3: Outline of summary booklet

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Key Messages

1. This briefing seeks your direction on the overarching narrative and structure of the final national adaptation plan (the NAP or plan). It also seeks your feedback on a summary booklet we propose to release alongside the plan and expectations for the launch.
2. In particular, we seek your feedback on potential changes to the strategy map and structure for the NAP. We propose to align the overall structure, style and tone of the NAP with that of the emissions reduction plan (ERP) (to the extent possible).
3. Your direction is needed now so we can progress any structural and design changes to the plan in parallel with analysing submissions and providing advice on any content changes.
4. A meeting of the Climate Response Ministerial Group has been tentatively scheduled for 20 June. As this will fall only a fortnight after submissions close, we suggest the key papers for this meeting are the strategy map and outline summary document once that has been updated to reflect your feedback, along with an overview of submission themes.

Recommendations

We recommend that you:

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- b. **provide** direction on the content of **Appendix 1**, which will be included in the opening section of the NAP (subject to a. above)

Yes/No

- c. **provide** direction on the content of **Appendix 2**, which will guide the restructuring of the NAP (subject to a. above) Yes/No
- d. **provide** direction on the outline of the summary booklet (**Appendix 3**) to be released alongside the final national adaptation plan Yes/No
- e. **discuss** your expectations for the launch of the final national adaptation plan with officials Yes/No
- f. **note** we will provide advice on any content changes recommended on the draft national adaptation plan in mid-June following submissions analysis.

Signature

Katherine Wilson Director - Climate Adaptation and Evidence	
Hon. James Shaw Minister of Climate Change	
Date	

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Purpose

1. This briefing seeks your direction on the tone and structure of the final national adaptation plan (the NAP or plan). It also seeks your feedback on a summary booklet we propose to release alongside the plan and expectations for the launch
2. Your direction is needed now so we can progress any design changes to the plan in parallel with analysing submissions and providing advice on any content changes.

Context

3. Consultation on the draft NAP closes on Friday 3 June. To meet the statutory deadline for publication, the final version of the NAP must be tabled in Parliament and published by 3 August 2022.

Update on public consultation

4. During the public consultation period, we have held several workshops and webinars on the draft NAP and managed retreat. This includes:
 - two public webinars
 - two local government workshops
 - five workshops with iwi/Māori, facilitated in partnership with Ihirangi
 - four workshops with Pasifika, facilitated by the Pacific Advisory Group
 - one business community workshop, facilitated by the Sustainable Business Council (SBC).
5. Through engagement with the general public, local government and businesses, many questions have centred on what the expectations will be of central and local government and businesses in implementing and funding adaptation actions. Businesses and local government asked questions about how the NAP would interact with existing and future government policies and work.
6. We have also heard strong support for central government-led tools and guidance and for consistent public messaging from central and local government. Businesses expressed a desire for clear timeframes and data to support planning. Themes in the public webinars also included support for Māori/Iwi as well as requests for more details on how the plan will support New Zealand's food and freshwater system resilience over time.
7. Topics raised in the iwi/Māori workshops included the Māori climate platform, the role and implementation of the Rauora framework, addressing inequities, how Māori were engaged with in developing the NAP and partnership going forward.
8. Early analysis of themes emerging through workshops with Pasifika include the importance of early engagement with Pasifika people, the relevance of indigenous solutions and that Pasifika people have experience of adapting to climate change, having

lived through and already experiencing this. Participants also highlighted the importance of the climate migration plan and an interest in ensuring the NAP is an evolving plan.

9. As at 2 June we have received 78 submissions (49 submissions from individuals and 29 from organisations including iwi/hapū, local government, businesses, industry bodies, registered charities and non-governmental organisations). Key themes from these early submissions include:
 - a desire for government to provide greater data availability so that communities can use information to self-govern and adapt
 - emphasis on tailored support to enable the public to better understand the urgency of climate change action and how to increase their climate resilience.
 - opportunities for the government to target its investment to better incentivise the development of homes in more resilient locations.

Analysis and advice

Aligning the structure and tone of the national adaptation plan with the emissions reduction plan will support an integrated approach to Aotearoa New Zealand's climate response

10. Together, the NAP and the ERP form Aotearoa New Zealand's integrated climate response. As the ERP progressed towards publication, a number of decisions were made about the structure and design of the document, the tone/style of the language and the messaging. These changes have made the language of the ERP more accessible and less bureaucratic, and seek to encourage action through emphasising the opportunity of the transition.
11. We propose to update the structure and tone of the NAP so that this plan aligns with the approach taken in the ERP (where appropriate) so it is similarly accessible and emphasises the opportunities of early action. This will also support an integrated approach to New Zealand's climate response.

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Similar to the 'ERP at a glance' booklet, the NAP summary booklet will serve as a communication tool for the contents of the NAP

13. The NAP summary booklet will pull out key messages and actions from the NAP to inform the public about what is being done to build a more resilient Aotearoa, in a similar vein to the 'ERP at a glance' booklet. The focus will be on work relevant to the general public eg, households, businesses and Māori.
14. We also propose that the summary booklet contain a pithy summary of key actions in the NAP that will assist local government to undertake its adaptation role. While the ERP summary did not address local government, local government has a larger role to play in adaptation.
15. We propose the summary booklet follows the format and structure of 'ERP at a glance'. A draft outline of the summary booklet is contained as **Appendix 3**. This an early outline on which we seek your direction now so we can continue to develop the substantive content.

We seek your direction on expectations for launching the final national adaptation plan

16. Engagement during the consultation period on the draft NAP focused on seeking feedback from sectors tasked with implementation, primarily local government, and communities likely to be disproportionately impacted by climate change. Through this process we sought to raise awareness to inform submissions on the draft NAP as well as build relationships and networks.
17. We seek your direction on expectations for the launch of the final NAP. We propose that it align with the emissions reduction plan launch, where appropriate.
18. We also propose that, following the launch, MfE undertake both online and face to face engagement to:
 - build relationships with local government, iwi/Māori and other stakeholder to support ongoing engagement and partnership during implementation
 - raise awareness amongst the general public of climate risk to promote understanding of adaptation
 - further progress work on the Climate Adaptation Act.

Next steps

19. We seek your feedback on the proposed approach to refining the overarching narrative and structure of the NAP, which draws on that agreed for the ERP. Following your

feedback on the overall approach and the content in the attached appendices, we will proceed to implement your direction through our design process in parallel with advice on submissions and any substantive policy issues arising.

20. We will also begin preparations for launching the final NAP.
21. From mid-June, you will receive advice on any suggested changes to the NAP, following officials' analysis of submissions.
22. A Climate Response Ministerial Group (CRMG) meeting has been scheduled for Monday 20 June. We recommend the updated strategy map, updated structure of the NAP and summary booklet outline form the basis of the meeting, along with an overview of matters arising in submissions.
23. We would like to discuss the approach to this meeting with you further to confirm the agenda and supporting material. This will also enable us to assist relevant agencies to ensure their Ministers are aware of expectations on them for this meeting.
24. We are working towards ministerial consultation on a Cabinet paper and the final National Adaptation Plan to occur in the first two weeks of July.